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SUBJECT: INDONESIANS AND VIETNAMESE DISCUSS CONTINENTAL
SHELF BOUNDARY

REF: VIENTIANE 0551 (NOTAL)

1. AN INDONESIAN DELEGATION PASSED THROUGH VIENTIANE ON
MAY 31 BOUND FOR HANOI. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE INDONESIAN
SOURCE, THE DELEGATION WILL BE GOING TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF
TERRITORIALITY REGARDING THE CONTINENTAL SHELF THAT
SEPARATES INDONESIA AND VIET NAM.

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2. THE DIPLOMAT SAID THAT THE TEAM WOULD REMAIN IN VIET NAM
UNTIL JUNE 10. FOLLOWING ITS RETURN TO INDONESIA, A
VIETNAMESE DELEGATION WILL TRAVEL TO JAKARTA, WHERE,
ACCORDING TO THE DIPLOMAT, "THE REAL FIGHTING WILL TAKE
PLACE."

3. COMMENT: AS REFTTEL NOTED, THE SRV AND THE ITALIAN STATE OIL FIRM AGIP ARE MOVING TO BEGIN OIL PROSPECTING OFF THE SOUTHERN VIET NAM COAST IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE VIETNAMESE-INDONESIAN TALKS APPEAR AIMED AT REACHING SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT ON A DELINEATION OF TERRITORIAL CLAIMS IN ADVANCE OF THE AGIP OPERATIONS. THE LENGTH OF THE DISCUSSIONS, 10 DAYS IN HANOI WITH FOLLOW UP TALKS IN JAKARTA, SUGGEST THAT A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT MAY BE ENVISAGED.

4. ANY BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VIETNAMESE AND THE INDONESIANS MAY AFFECT THE INTERESTS OF OTHER REGIONAL STATES, NOTABLY THE PRC AND THE PHILIPPINES WHICH HAVE CLAIMS IN THE AREA.
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